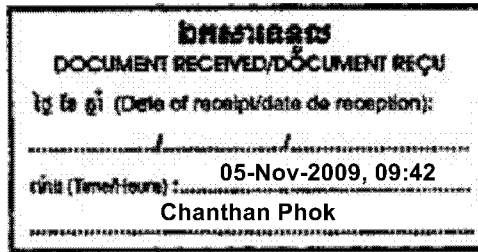


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Written Record of Interview of Witness**



On the first of November, two thousand and seven, at nine a.m. at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

We Sim Soriya and Fabienne Luco, Investigators of the Extraordinary Chambers, being assigned by the Rogatory Letter of the Co-Investigating Judges, dated 5 October 2007,

Noting the Law on the Establishment of the Extraordinary Chambers, dated 27 October 2004,

Noting Rules 24, 28 and 60 of the ECCC Internal Rules,

With Heng Ham Kheng ហៀង ហ៊ាំខេង, as sworn Interpreter of the Extraordinary Chambers,

Recorded the statements of Nhem En ញ៉ែម អេន, a witness, who provided the following information regarding his personal identity:

The undersigned Nhem En ញ៉ែម អេន was born on 9 November 1959 in Trapeang Meas ត្រពាំងមាស village, Tra-ngel ត្រងឺល subdistrict, Kampong Leng កំពង់លែង district,

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Kampong Chhnang កំពង់ឆ្នាំង province. He is of Khmer nationality, and is a District Deputy of Anlung Veng អង្គរវែង District, Odar Meanchey ឧត្តរមានជ័យ Province . His father Nhem Meas ញ៉ែម មាស is deceased, and his mother, Huon Chea ហួន ជា is deceased. He is married to So Bunnary សូ ប៊ុនណារី (alive) and is the father of one child.

[X The witness has no criminal record.]  
 X The witness declared that he can read, write and understand the Khmer language.  
 The witness declared that he cannot read or write any other languages.  
 Therefore, the original of this Written Record is written in the Khmer language.

X We advised the witness that an audio or video recording was being made of this Interview.  
 X The witness told us that he is not related to either the Charged Persons or to any of the Civil Parties.  
 X The witness took an oath, in accordance with Rule 24 of the ECCC Internal Rules.  
 X We notified the witness of his right against self-incrimination, in accordance with Rule 28 of the ECCC Internal Rules.

**Question - Answer:**

SS. Could you please describe your background before you arrived at S-21?  
 NE. I will talk about 17 April, 1975 onwards, which is the time after the Kampuchea Front fought against Lon Nol លន់ នល់. I, as a pioneer child, in Kampong Leng កំពង់លែង a district of Sector 31, was recruited by Angkar because I was a person who always worked hard. At that time Angkar recruited children from every subdistrict, seven children in each. There were about one thousand children recruited by Angkar then. Later Angkar sent us to stay at the Five-Story House near Kampong Chhnang Airport. It was in April. I also saw the evacuation of the people from Phnom Penh along the road to Kampong Chhnang.

FL. Did you say Kampong Chhnang Airport?  
 NE. The old airport. I stayed there around May or June 1975. Later, Angkar sent us to Phnom Penh by American GMC trucks. There were 10 trucks then. The road was severed at the time because bridges had collapsed, so the trip took the whole night before we arrived in Phnom Penh.

SS. How old were you at that time?  
 NE. I was 16 - 17 years old. Later on, in Phnom Penh, Angkar sent me to stay in the Boeung Tum Pun area បឹងទំព័រ in front of the Russian Hospital.

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SS. Who accompanied you to Phnom Penh?

NE. I don't remember. But perhaps it was the sector secretary or the district secretary who had received an order from Angkar to recruit good children to send to Phnom Penh. While staying in Boeung Tum Pun, I didn't have any work to do. They let us sleep in a house remaining from the previous regime. I guess I arrived there in June or July 1975. I would like to specify that, regarding the recruitment of the children, if there had been no order from the Party Center, this could not have happened.

FL. What was the number of the Sector?

NE. I forgot the number. I left Boeung Tum Pun. Angkar sent me to Ta Khmao តាកែវ, to live in Kra Peu Ha ក្រពើហា along the banks of the Prek Thnot ព្រែកត្នោត River. They sent me there for technical training.

NF. Who was the chief in Ta Khmao at that time?

NE. At that time we had a General Staff, but I didn't know the name(s). But Nath ណាត and Pin ប៊ិន were there. Pin was the chief of Division 703 in charge of technical matters.

SS. What kind of technical training was it?

NE. They trained us in military techniques: in infantry and air force techniques to be used on all kinds of battlefields.

FL. What did they call Takhmao at that time?

NE. At that time it was behind the Psychiatric Hospital, on the banks of the Prek Thnot River.

FL. Was there any other kind of training there besides technical training?

NE. No, there was no nothing else. But if any children were lazy, they would be sent to work in the rice paddies or in the factories or in the military. At that time there were about 50-60 children who, after their biographies had been examined, were considered as pioneer children. They were later sent to study in China.

SS. So, did all 50 children go to China or just you alone?

NE. At that time 46 children were chosen to go there. At the same time Angkar also indoctrinated us. Then we had medical examinations, and then we went to Kampong Som កំពង់សោម in order to take a ship for China.

SS. Who trained you before you left for China?

NE. All the trainers were Khmer; there were no other nationalities.

SS. Did they tell you what you were being trained for at the time of the training?

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NE. Generally speaking, the purpose of Angkar was to train us to acquire military skills in order to defend our territory and society. That was how they educated us.

SS. During the training, did they ever use words like fighting against the Vietnamese?

NE. At that time they didn't say that. But it was important to strengthen our spirit and morale to defend our territorial integrity.

FL. While in training at Ta Khmao, did they ever talk about the enemy of the revolution?

NE. At that time, we didn't study anything else beyond what we trained for. The important things that had to be learnt then were techniques to defend our land and borders and to fight against the imperialists.

FL. During the training at Ta Khmao, did you ever see the upper ranks come to visit?

NE. I saw Ta Nath and Son Sen (សុន្ទី សែន).

FL. When Son Sen visited Ta Khmao, did he say anything?

NE. His advice was that children should try very hard to learn all the techniques so that they would become pioneer children.

FL. You talked about the Central Committee. Did you learn about it at that time, or later on?

NE. At that time, I heard about the Party Central Committee in the meetings.

SS. When did you arrive in China?

NE. I don't know the month or day. I knew that I was on a ship and then in a car. After arriving in China, they tried to test us by making us sleep on a small bed. They did that in order to see whether we were well-behaved children or not. They had us prepare and fold our blankets by ourselves so that they could see whether we were serious or not. I was ranked first. In general, as far as ethical behavior is concerned, I was ranked number one. At the beginning, we were trained to take general photographs and to shoot and project movies, draw maps, and develop general photographs. We did that for six months.

SS. Who taught you?

NE. The teachers were Chinese, but they spoke Khmer. But sometimes translation was needed.

SS. How long was the training?

NE. I studied for six months in total for all the subjects.

SS. Was it in Beijing?

NE. I don't know. They only said it was in China. But I knew that it was not in Beijing.

FL. How many people went to study photography with you?

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NE. At first we traveled together. But after we arrived in China, they separated us and sent us to our respective places. Some people went to study chemistry, others went to study navigation, and some went to study biology. I alone went to study photography.

FL. Who worked as the translator from Khmer to Chinese and from Chinese to Khmer?

NE. The translators were Khmer, but some Chinese trainers also knew some Khmer.

FL. Were there any students of other nationalities?

NE. No, there was only me.

SS. Regarding the Khmer cadres, who accompanied you to China then?

NE. Ta Nath accompanied us to China, but he didn't travel by ship with us. I met him when I arrived in China.

SS. Who was Ta Nath?

NE. Ta Nath was from the 703rd.

FL. Did Ta Nath also go to China?

NE. Yes, at that time he was a member of the General Staff, just below Son Sen.

FL. Was he already there when you arrived in China? Does this mean that Ta Nath was in China in January 1976?

NE. Yes, he was an important person in the army. He was the former chief of Division 12.

FL. Did you know when Ta Nath returned to Cambodia?

NE. He returned at the same time as I, but I didn't take the plane.

SS. At that time did Ta Nath ask you to meet any Chinese cadres or institutions?

NE. No, the important thing was that he instructed us to study hard and to pay attention to our study, and not to be careless. I met the Chinese ambassador, Mr. Sun Hav, once in Cambodia and once in China.

SS. What was his reason to meet you?

NE. In 1976 he met us to praise us as for being pioneer and good children. At that time they gave me a medal with picture of Chairman Mao in the middle, but I have lost it.

FL. When did you return to Cambodia?

NE. After I arrived in Phnom Penh, I hadn't yet gone to work at S-21. I was at the General Staff office, moving around to take photos. I arrived at the end of 76 or early 77.

SS. When Sun Hav visited you at the training, did any Khmer cadres accompany him?

NE. There were some Khmers in the delegation. I don't remember them, but I have their pictures.

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FL. You talked about the photos from that period; can you let me see some of them?

NE. I didn't bring them with me, but I have brought with me the book about my study in China and the photo of me at the training there.

FL. Can you let us make photocopies of these documents?

NE. If the court needs them, I will not refuse, but just wait, as I will do it for you.

SS. Did you say that you still have the photos of the delegation visiting you in China?

NE. No, I don't have them. I only have the photo of Ta Nath. I have 2,000 photos.

SS. What did you do after you arrived in Cambodia?

NE. I stayed at the General Staff of Phnom Penh at Monivong ម៉ូនីវង្ស Hospital.

FL. At that time what did they use Monivong Hospital for?

NE. At that time they called it Hospital P-98, which was the hospital of the General Staff of the military.

FL. What did you do in that hospital?

NE. I did not stay in the hospital, but at a place near it.

FL. What did you do while you were staying near that hospital?

NE. At that time I started working in a print shop to print newspapers and magazines.

FL. Who was your chief then?

NE. I had two chiefs, one was Ta Pâng តា ប៉ង់ who was the special agent of Pol Pot ប៉ុល ពត, and another person was named Noeun នឿន who was close with Son Sen. But I don't know their whereabouts nowadays.

FL. What was Noeun's role?

NE. In the Organization's terminology, he was called a City Messenger.

FL. What was the City Messenger's job?

NE. If we make a comparison, it was like Hing Bun Heang ហ៊ីង ប៊ុនហៀង, the chief of Hun Sen's bodyguard unit.

SS. Was Pâng a City Messenger like Noeun?

NE. Those were special people of Angkar, but Pâng's role was at that time higher than Noeun's. Pâng was the one who saved my life and so I am still alive today. At that time, in September 1977, the Communist Party of Kampuchea announced to the world that it was a full-fledged Communist Party.

FL. What did you do then?

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NE. My work then consisted of taking photos of leadership meetings, assembly sessions, military meetings, and visits of foreign delegations. I was a photographer.

FL. Did you ever go out of Phnom Penh to take any photos?

NE. I also took pictures in the zones. I often went to Southwest, Northwest, North, and West zones.

FL. What kind of photos did you shoot? And what did you see there then?

NE. I took photos of the leaders when they were visiting dams and canals and assessing whether or not there had been any progress.

FL. Who were the leaders you traveled with?

NE. Sometimes with *om* Pol Pot, Nuon Chea ឆ្លូត ជ័រ, and Son Sen, sometimes with Khieu Samphan ខៀវ សំផន as well, and sometimes I met with zone committee members such as Ta Mok តាម៉ុក.

FL. Which province did you go to take photos when you met with Nuon Chea?

NE. I photographed Nuon Chea when he was visiting canals and dams in the West Zone. It was about 1977.

FL. And where did Khieu Samphan go?

NE. He rarely went to the countryside, because he worked at the State Delegation. I seldom saw him in the countryside.

SS. So, did you photograph Khieu Samphan in Phnom Penh?

NE. I took photos of him twice, once in Borey Keila, the sports stadium ប្លូរីកីឡា and another time in the Chatomuk Auditorium.

SS. In what year did you take the photos in Borey Keila? And what event was it?

NE. It was the 17 April ceremony or the anniversary ceremony of the Party.

FL. Did you ever meet Khieu Samphan in the provinces and take photos of him?

NE. Yes, I did. I took photos of the leaders all over Cambodia. Very many.

FL. Do you remember in what province?

NE. At that time there was a special meeting in Koh Thom កោះធំ. There was one photo in which Khieu Samphan was standing and Ieng Sary was sitting, and there was a movie camera in the rear.

SS. What kind of ceremony was that in Koh Thom?

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NE. It was at a cooperative in 77 or early 78. At that time I worked in Tuol Sleng. But after my working hours in Tuol Sleng, I was sometimes invited to take photos at other events like when a Chinese delegation was visiting.

SS. In what year did you take photos at Borey Keila?

NE. 1977.

SS. What year did you take photos at Chatomuk? And at what ceremony?

NE. At that time it might have been the ceremony to announce the Committee President of the State Praesidium, I am not sure, I forget. I forget the year.

SS. Besides the senior level, did you ever take any photos of anyone else such as Ieng Sary អៀង សារី and Ieng Thirith អៀង ធីរិទ្ធ?

NE. Yes, I took photos of many others. If I see the photos, I will recognize who they are. Although I don't remember them all, I will recognize them.

FL. For example, did you ever take any photos of Ieng Sary during meetings or during his visits to any of the provinces?

NE. With Ieng Sary, mostly when he was with foreign delegations. But there were different photographers. The General Staff had their own photographers, and Ieng Sary had his own. But when they needed to develop negative film, they sometimes asked me to do it. There was some work they didn't let us know about.

FL. So, did you work as a negative film developer at the place near the Military Hospital?

NE. Yes.

FL. Do you remember who photographed Ieng Sary?

NE. I don't remember. I was at the Office 62-A which was attached to Angkar. It was the biggest section of Office 870, which was composed of many sections.

FL. Do you know who the chief was at 870?

NE. Generally speaking, Ta Pol Pot was the chief, and Office 870 was the biggest one in Cambodia.

SS. Did you personally photograph Ieng Sary, or did you print the pictures of him?

NE. I mostly printed the pictures of him.

SS. What about Ieng Thirith?

NE. I used to print pictures of her as well, but I didn't know her well. I only clearly knew the faces of Son Sen, Pol Pot, Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea, but I didn't know their wives. There were too many to remember.

SS. How many photographers were with you then?

NE. There were six photographers and six cameras. Whoever took the pictures had to develop the negatives and print them. Each photographer had a different role.

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SS. Can you please tell us the names of those photographers working with you?

NE. At the place near Monivong Hospital then, there was only me alone.

FL. When did you move to S-21?

NE. I don't remember the date, but in early 77.

FL. Who assigned you to go there?

NE. At that time it was Son Sen and Ta Nath because when I went to China, Ta Nath and Son Sen had organized the work for me.

FL: Did you know why they sent you to work at S-21?

NE: I didn't know. But that was the work of Angkar. There were two jobs for photographers at S-21: one was to take photos of prisoners at S-21 and the other was to take pictures outside of S-21 during free time.

SS: While staying near Monivong Hospital, was there anyone else besides Pâng and Noeun?

NE: No, there was only me alone.

SS: How many years did you stay near Monivong Hospital before moving to S-21?

NE: I don't remember, but I know I moved to S-21 in early 77.

FL: How many months did you work near Monivong Hospital?

NE: Maybe only 3-4 months. It was the windy season at that time, so it was perhaps in November or December.

SS: Who was your leader after you came to S-21? Which building did you stay in?

NE: I stayed in the concrete house that is presently the embassy of Hungary, and it is right in front of the Ministry of Planning.

FL: Who else stayed with you in that house?

NE: There were six persons living together, and all were photographers.

FL: Could you please describe your daily work at S-21?

NE: There was a policy. In the morning at 6:30 we arrived at the communal eating hall to eat gruel. We started work at 7 o'clock, taking photos of newly arrived prisoners. We took a break at 11 o'clock, and left work at 5 o'clock. We didn't do anything after work, but we took time to grow cabbage for ourselves.

FL: You said the main work began at 7 o'clock, what was that?

NE: We took the photos of prisoners, and when we returned home we developed negatives and printed pictures we had taken by ourselves.

FL: When did the prisoners arrive?

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NE: There was no regular time, but the 6 photographers arranged among themselves to take turns to work.

FL: Did the prisoners arrive at S-21 every day during that time?

NE: The prisoners arrived every day, sometimes more of them, sometimes fewer of them.

FL: You said there were six persons in your group. Who was the chief? And what was your rank?

NE: At that time Sreang was the group chief of six people and I was the team leader. Sreang managed two persons, and I managed two persons; so there was six persons altogether, but Sreang was the senior chief.

FL: Who did you receive orders from?

NE: At that time from Son Sen, Ta Nath and Duch as well. He was the chief of S-21.

FL: Who directly gave you orders?

NE: Duch gave the orders directly, and he was in charge of everything in there.

FL: Do you remember what kind of orders Duch gave to you then?

NE: His orders were very strict, and I was not allowed to make a mistake.

FL: Did you hear Duch use those words?

NE: Yes.

FL: You said that if Duch gave orders to do anything, one had to fulfil them, and if a mistake was made, there would be a problem. What kind of problem?

NE: A problem of life and death. Our main concern was staying alive, and then it was caution. We had to be very cautious at work and not damage anything.

FL: Was Duch’s order like a threat to you?

NE: It was indeed. Many of those who came from Kampong Chhnang since 75 to work at S-21 lost their lives. Most of those killed were guards who fell asleep while on duty, like Chên ច័ន for example. Another person who was killed was Srun ស្រួន, who came along with me. His mistake was that he took a head of cabbage that smelled of a pesticide called Antrine to cook it. The cabbage was saturated with that pesticide in order to keep insects away from it. Even though he washed the cabbage, it still smelled of the pesticide because he hadn’t cleaned it thoroughly. They accused him of putting poison in our food, so they took him away to be killed.

FL: Based on your understanding, who was responsible for the deaths of those people?

NE: To keep it short, Ta Duch. That was because at S-21, many of my friends who had come along with me from my home village disappeared.

FL: Based on what do you say that Duch was responsible for that?

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NE: As far as I know, that was his order because many people at S-21 disappeared. Of 400 people, 150 disappeared.

SS: Did Duch ever instruct you on how to take photographs?

NE: No, but most importantly, his instruction was not to damage the photographs. After a photo was developed, we had to send it to Thy ធី. I rarely made a mistake because I was very careful.

SS: Where did you develop negatives?

NE: In a place in front of the Ministry of Planning.

SS: Could you please describe how a photograph was taken, beginning from the time a prisoner was taken in, and how a tag was put on him/her?

NE: For example, when prisoners were brought in by truck and blindfolded, the person who brought the prisoners to us then untied the blindfold.

SS: Who untied the blindfold?

NE: The guards did.

FL: Where was the place for taking pictures?

NE: It was near the entrance of the present Tuol Sleng Museum, but it was outside the fence of Tuol Sleng. The place for developing negatives was near Ta Duch's house. Prisoners were photographed before they were sent into the prison.

FL: Did you know where the prisoners were coming from?

NE: I don't know.

FL: Did the truck used for transporting prisoners belong to S-21?

NE: It is difficult to say, but the truck bore the signs of the West Zone or Northwest Zone on their license plates. Sometimes the truck had no sign, so we didn't know where they came from. Sometimes prisoners were brought in by car. S-21 also had its own truck.

FL: Let's talk about the S-21 truck. When a truck was sent to pick up prisoners, who went with it?

NE: We could not know this. There were many sections. I was the photographer, so I only did my own work.

FL: Did you ever see Duch come in the truck carrying prisoners?

NE: We didn't observe that.

SS: When taking a photograph, did they put a tag on a prisoner to make it easier for Thy to memorize?

NE: Each prisoner who was being photographed was given a tag marked with a number. Sometimes they used nametags, but sometimes they just used numbers. Sometimes no

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number was used. The prisoners' numbers changed from day to day and every day we would start with a new number.

SS: Was there anyone helping you to prepare the nametags and the documents?

NE: Sometimes I prepared them by myself; no one helped me with that.

SS: How could you keep track of all the prisoners?

NE: It was not difficult because when 100 prisoners arrived, 100 photos would be taken. A number was assigned to each prisoner; for example, nr 1 for prisoner A and nr 2 for prisoner B and so on.

SS: Does it mean that the person who brought you the prisoners didn't give you a name list?

NE: No, the list was given to Thy directly.

FL: For all prisoners who were brought in, did they all have to be photographed?

NE: Most of them were photographed, only a few were not.

FL: Why not?

NE: Sometimes we worked too late at night and were not able to take any more photos. Sometimes they sent us to take photos of prisoners in their cells. It was very rare that a prisoner was not photographed; all of them had to be photographed.

FL: Besides taking photos of prisoners, did you ever take any pictures of the compound of S-21?

NE: They didn't allow me to enter the prison compound.

FL: Did you ever take a picture of a prisoner after he/she had been killed?

NE: I never did, but they had a special group under a person named Srueu ស្រីស៊ី. He was in the special guard-unit. He took pictures of people after they were dead.

FL: How often did they take pictures of dead people?

NE: It was often. After a picture of a dead person was taken, they told us to print it out. And we were not to tell anyone about that.

FL: Why did they take a picture of a dead person?

NE: As far as I know, it was just to keep a record. But probably Srueu is dead, and Ta Duch killed him. I know that his birthplace is in Bati ប៉ាទី District, Takeo តាកែវ Province, but I don't know the name of the village or the commune.

FL: Who ordered a photographer to take pictures of the dead people?

NE: Only Duch.

FL: Why do you conclude that?

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NE: Firstly maybe the dead person didn't yet answer all the questions. Secondly, the prisoner had been tortured, because in the picture we could see bloodstains.

FL: Did you know who gave Duch orders?

NE: It was primarily Son Sen. I learned this when I attended a meeting to learn about Angkar's line. This was based on what I saw with my own eyes or based on what he said when he came to attend an assembly at S-21. Besides Son Sen there no one else came to those assemblies.

FL: In terms of the relationship between Duch and Son Sen, did Duch ask Son Sen for orders? Or did Son Sen give orders to Duch?

NE: The decisions of Duch were one thing, and the orders from Son Sen, that is, it was like a current flowing back and forth. In conclusion, these two men were the same. If Duch did not report, Son Sen, Pol Pot, and Nuon Chea ឆ្លាន ជំរា could not know. All documents were with Duch. Duch was very important. Duch was the one who designated the names of the persons who would be killed. He was the one who gave the green light to Son Sen and to Pol Pot.

SS: Did you take pictures of important prisoners like Koy Thuon កុយ ធ្លួន and Hou Nim ហ៊ុំ នីម?

NE: I didn't take their pictures. Srueu ស្រួល was the one who took them. The special prisons were concrete buildings, which were located outside of the S-21 compound. They were used to hold sector-level prisoners. I never went in there.

FL: What was Nuon Chea's role?

NE: He was the president of the National Assembly. But this didn't mean that he didn't know. He knew because people at the zone and sector level who had been arrested were very important people in the Democratic Kampuchea.

FL: Regarding security issues, besides Son Sen, what was Nuon Chea's role?

NE: I don't know. But Son Sen came to S-21 once a week.

FL: Have you ever heard anyone say that Nuon Chea had a role at S-21?

NE: I heard Ta Duch say to send things to Brother Number One or Brother Number Two. I knew that Brother Number One was Pol Pot and Brother Number Two was Nuon Chea. S-21 was an important security office of the nation. Son Sen said to Duch during the meeting that S-21 was the soul of the nation. Nuon Chea and Pol Pot never came to S-21, but Son Sen came regularly.

FL: You said that at S-21, besides Duch, there was Son Sen who came to S-21 almost every week. Did he come regularly until 79?

NE: Son Sen came regularly until the Vietnamese arrived. As far as I know, in 78, S-21 received only one or two persons each day. In 77 many prisoners were brought in there. They arrived 24 hours a day.

SS: Did you ever take pictures of any people of other nationalities besides Khmer?  
NE: I did once. There were two people of other nationalities brought in from the sea. They were not Vietnamese. I didn't know whether they were French or American.

SS: What was the colour of the hair of those two people?  
NE: I only knew that they were big, had sharp noses and brown hair.

SS: After being photographed, where they were taken?  
NE: They had hairy chests and beards. I didn't know where they were taken. It was in 77.

SS: Do you remember their names?  
NE: I don't remember.

SS: Do you remember the names of other photographers at S-21?  
NE: 1-Sreang ស្រីហ៊ុន, 2-Song សុំ, 3-Nith នីត, 4-Sâm សំ, 5-Ry រី, 6-me.

SS: Do you know if any of them are still alive?  
NE: I know that three of them, Ry, Sâm and Song, are dead, but I don't know what happened to the other two.

SS: Is Nith still alive?  
NE: He was alive when the Vietnamese came in. Those three died after the Vietnamese came in.

SS: Did you ever take pictures of the Phnorn or of the Vietnamese?  
NE: I took pictures of the Vietnamese because at that time the Vietnamese attacked and came into Cambodia from areas along the border. I am sorry that I have lost the video footage about the Vietnamese. The Vietnamese translator at that time was Mam Nay who is currently living in Malay.

SS: Did those Vietnamese soldiers come in wearing uniforms?  
NE: Yes.

SS: As for the spies who were arrested, how did you know that they were Vietnamese?  
NE: Because they spoke Vietnamese.

SS: There were stories that the Khmer Rouge had dressed up in Vietnamese army uniforms. Do you think that was true?  
NE: No, not at all. The Khmer Rouge didn't like to pretend; the Khmer Rouge only wanted to do the real thing.

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SS: You said that you had video footage of Vietnamese soldiers, what type of video was it?

NE: Vietnamese soldiers whom I had captured in Siem Reap after 79.

SS: How many Vietnamese soldiers were photographed by you?

NE: About 20.

FL: Did Duch ever come to watch while you were taking photographs?

NE: He came, but rarely. He also came to the communal eating hall.

FL: When Duch came, did he say anything to you?

NE: He said that I must be very careful and not damage the photos because they were very important for making biographies and identification cards.

FL: Were there any problems when a photo had been damaged or when it was not clear? And did you ever encounter this problem?

NE: If a photo was damaged, it was inescapable, meaning death. Sometimes I took a photo of a person with closed eyes. If that happened, I had to photograph that person again.

SS: For example, if a photo was defective, who would decide?

NE: Ta Duch, Ta Hor តា ហ៊ី and Ta Chan តា ចាន់ (Mam Nay ម៉ម ណៃ).

FL: What is your basis for saying that?

NE: This is the truth. Those three persons were the decision-makers. There was an incident when I printed *Om Pol Pot*'s picture and the negative was defective, showing a scar by the eye of the portrait. Ry and I knew about that defect. Ta Hor, Ta Chan and Ta Duch phoned me to ask about the defect. I then held a meeting with all the photographers and reported that a picture of *Om Number One* that I had printed out was damaged. If you don't believe me you can ask Comrade Ry. At that time Ry said that he didn't know when comrade En had printed that picture. Then they removed me from the group and sent me to a different unit to raise rabbits. Later on Chhen, who was Duch's messenger, told me that Duch once asked Pâng about that film. Pâng said the film was defective, so they knew that it was not my mistake. Then they called me back to work.

SS: Is Chhen still alive?

NE: I don't know whether Chhen is alive or dead.

SS: Is his birthplace in Kampong Chhnang also?

NE: That group was just from two places: if not Kampong Chhnang, then it was Kampong Speu កំពង់ស្ពឺ.

SS: Did you see if Chhen was still alive when the Vietnamese came in?

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NE: Yes.

SS: You said that you re-took that photo. Where did you take it?

NE: I re-took it immediately because I knew that his eyes had been closed.

SS: Did you ever go to take pictures at Prey Sar ព្រៃស្រែ?

NE: I used to go to Prey Sar. But Prey Sar was not a prison. It was a place for re-education; and Huy Sre ហ្វឹយ ហ្វឹស វ៉ៃស្រែ was the chief at Prey Sar.

SS: What number did they call Prey Sar?

NE: I forget.

SS: You said that Prey Sar was not a place to keep prisoners, so why did you go take pictures there?

NE: For the biographies. Prey Sar also belonged to the General Staff.

SS: Were the photos from Prey Sar ever shown at S-21?

NE: No, never.

SS: Was there another Chan working with Mam Nay?

NE: No, there was only one Chan. He had vitiligo.

Interview suspended at 12 o'clock noon on the same date.

Interview resumed at 1:30 p.m. on the same date.

FL: What were the positions and roles of the leadership at Tuol Sleng?

NE: The senior leader was Ta Duch. He was in charge of general operations. Ta Hor was the deputy chief in general charge of the military and Chan was the member in charge of translation. It was called the S-21 Committee.

SS: Was Huy Sre a member of S-21?

NE: No.

FL: Who really controlled your unit? And who gave direct orders to the photographer unit?

NE: It was under the direct command of all three: all three gave direct orders, but Chan was directly in charge.

FL: Did you communicate with Duch directly?

NE: Yes, I used to when he called me to take photos of his family and of parties.

FL: How did Chan give orders?

NE: As mentioned before, his orders were strict.

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SS: Sometimes you went to take photos outside, how often did you do that? And whom did you photograph?

NE: Not often, just once or twice a month like when the Chinese visited the oil refinery, industrial plants, agricultural works, Angkor Wat, and irrigation systems. Sometimes they called me to take pictures of the top leadership.

SS: Do you remember the times when you took those photos?

NE: As I said this morning already, I went with the delegation and *Om Nuon* when we visited cooperatives. There were six photographers in my group, and we rotated.

SS: Meaning that Nuon Chea and the senior leadership made field visits down to the bases?

NE: They all went down, but I don't know how many times.

SS: What were the conditions for the population that you saw during the field visits?

NE: There was enough food to eat when we met with the Sector Committees. But after 79 there was news about starvation.

SS: At S-21, did you ever see Duch interrogating?

NE: I saw him doing it once in 77 when prisoners were brought in. As far as I know, he wanted to get confessions to send to Angkar.

FL: How many times did you witness that?

NE: I saw it once. That time he came by motorcycle. I was riding a bicycle and saw him carrying out a beating in front of Tuol Sleng. My work place was also in that same area, so I saw that.

FL: What kind of house was it? And in which section was it located?

NE: A tile-roofed house in the southern part.

FL: Whose house was it?

NE: I don't remember. I could see the interrogation because the house had no walls, and the interrogation took place on the ground floor.

FL: Did you see any large water jars in the house?

NE: I don't know.

FL: What was Duch doing when he was interrogating?

NE: Torturing by beating with a rattan stick.

SS: Did you stop your bike to watch, or did you just ride by and see this?

NE: I was just riding by and saw that.

FL: What about the kitchen-worker named Srun ស្រីនី?

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NE: As I was walking in, Srun asked me to help him while he was being taken out for interrogation.

FL: What happened to the prisoners after the interrogation?

NE: Those prisoners would not return or rarely. We saw trucks coming to take prisoners away to be beaten [killed] because my place was near the prisoners' place. But I don't know where they took the prisoners to be killed. It was in 95, after the integration, that we saw Cheung Ek.

FL: Was Srueu also a photographer?

NE: I taught Srueu how to take photographs.

FL: Were there any paramedics at S-21?

NE: There was one named Por ជ័រ, but he was also killed.

FL: While you were staying near Monivong Hospital, did you ever see blood that S-21 had drawn and taken to give to the Hospital?

NE: I never saw that.

SS: Did Duch ever arrest and imprison photographers from your group?

NE: Never.

SS: As you described, who in your group is now dead?

NE: Those who came along with me in 75 were Srun, the cook, and Chăn ច័ន, the guard. Srun was arrested in 77 because he was accused of attempting to poison the community. Duch was the one who ordered that arrest. I knew about the killing of these two persons because they were from my hometown.

FL: You said that the committee of S-21 was composed of Duch, Hor and Chăn. Did these three persons get along well?

NE: They got along well because leadership decisions could not be made by Duch alone. They had to hold meetings first.

FL: For special matters, or what?

NE: My case was special.

FL: After these three people made a decision, who then gave the orders?

NE: They were sent in writing to various sections for implementation for action; they were signed by Ta Duch and sent to Son Sen. 10,000 died at S-21. If Chăn, Duch and Hor hadn't made the decisions regarding that, there would not have been so much killing.

FL: At that time did you know the specific role of Son Sen?

NE: I knew at that time that he was the Minister of National Defence in charge of security.

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SS: You knew Pâng and Noeun, so did you ever meet them again?

NE: I met them when they came to pick up documents. They took documents for Pol Pot.

SS: What kind of documents?

NE: Biographies and confessions. I knew about this matter very well. They usually came with a Jeep. Pâng died later in 1978 in Phnom Penh.

FL: Where did Noeun and Pâng come?

NE: They came to Ta Duch's house, located on the opposite side of the Ministry of Planning, which is currently the Hungarian embassy. My house was also near that place.

FL: Did you ever go into Ta Duch's house? And did you ever see Ta Duch carrying out torture in his house?

NE: I used to go in there when he called me to take photos of his wife, but I never saw him torturing in his house.

FL: The square is the centre is the compound of S-21. Can you mark on it the locations of all the interrogation places?

NE: Generally speaking, there were about ten interrogation places located all over that area in many blocks. Some blocks were closed to keep people from entering.

SS: Were there any other City Messengers besides Pâng and Noeun?

NE: I never saw any other persons.

SS: Do you still remember the faces of those two people?

NE: I don't remember.

FL: How long were you at S-21?

NE: Until the Vietnamese arrived. After I returned to work there for about six months, which was in mid 78, they assigned me to a different job. My new work then was to draw maps of the battlefields with the Vietnamese. I didn't take any photographs any more after that.

FL: During the final period, did you ever see them bring in more prisoners?

NE: Some where brought in, but very few.

FL: Did you know if at that time any prisoners were brought to S-21 and killed right away without being interrogated?

NE: I don't know.

FL: Do you know if any prisoners remained?

NE: I don't know.

FL: Shortly before 7 January 1979, did you see any senior leaders arrive there?

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NE: Son Sen called a meeting there. They told us to prepare ourselves to dig trenches. Son Sen ordered us to draw maps. At that time the Vietnamese had already arrived in Kratie.

FL: How did you find out that the Vietnamese had arrived in this and that place?

NE: The commanders of all units reported to Son Sen, and then Son Sen told us about this. There were twelve people in my group, and three of us were photographers.

SS: Did Son Sen come to hold a meeting with all the S-21 personnel?

NE: Yes, he held a meeting with all the S-21 personnel and instructed us to prepare for an attack against the Vietnamese army.

SS: Then, on 1 January 1979, did they say anything about what to do with the prisoners at S-21?

NE: I only knew about 1977, but knew nothing about later. All S-21 forces escaped through Tuol Tumpoung ទួលទំព្វង, the Chinese embassy, and Kantuot កង្វាត with Duch, Chăn and Chhèn. Those forces were dispersed in Kantuot because there were tanks positioned there. We were dispersed in the Kampong Speu province.

FL: Where did Duch go then?

NE: I don't know. I was separated from him in February 1979 in Thmâr Kup ថ្មគុប, Anlung Chrey អង្គជំរៃជ្រៃ, and have never heard from him at all since then.

FL: During that time, did you know if they kept any prisoners for various jobs?

NE: I don't know.

FL: Was Ta Nath a prisoner or a painter?

NE: He was a prisoner.

X One copy of the Written Record was provided to the witness.

X The Written Record was read out to the witness; the witness had no objections and signed it. [Signature/Thumbprint]

After the Written Record was read out to the witness, the witness refused to sign it.

End of the interview: at 4:12 p.m. on the same date

Witness has provided us three photographs and a textbook from his study in China about photography technique.

Witness

Nhem En

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Interpreter

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